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The corrected and completed program of the National Conference to be held in Chicago the last week in September fitly holds the leading position in this number of the NEWS LETTER. This national gathering in Chicago marks the attainment of a purpose long held and somewhat insistently voiced by the representatives of our Western churches. It means a real opportunity, not only for us of the Middle West, but also for the whole Unitarian body. Already it seems clear that this session will be more *national* than any of its predecessors, simply because more parts of the country will be represented. This attained purpose and this real opportunity lay a heavy obligation upon the Unitarians of the Middle West. Every church in the Western Conference should, even at considerable sacrifice, send delegates to these meetings, and the stronger churches should send large delegations. Such a representation from our churches as that customary at annual meetings of the Western Conference will be far from meeting our obligation. Some of us, it is true, must travel long distances, but *all* the Eastern delegates must take a long journey. This National Conference is quite as much our business as theirs, but this is the first opportunity we have had to participate in any large way. There are no precedents so far as we are concerned except the precedent of non-attendance. This particular precedent we must completely shatter. If we do this the success of the Chicago meeting is assured. If we do not, there will not be another national meeting of Unitarians west of the Alleghenies in our generation.

The National Conference Program covers in a broad way all our church interests and activities. The day sessions will have a special interest for delegates, the evening sessions dealing with questions of more general interest. Tuesday the representatives of our national organizations, fast becoming an imposing array, will make their reports. The newcomer among these is the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice. Its aims and convictions are set forth on another page of this issue by its president. Wednesday forenoon the possibility of progress by emphasizing the old and well-tried elements of church life will be set forth. The Thursday morning session ought to lead us all to clearer vision of the great things for which our churches historically stand and of the great task to which the present and future invite. The examination of motives and methods will be made by men who have both the historic sense and the forward look and who, with great common loyalties to unite them, yet represent opposite habits of mind and points of view. The discussion to follow will also be worth while. The evening sessions following the conference sermon are designed to cover "Religion and Education," "Religion and Sociology" and "Religion and Contemporary Interpretations of Life."

A great part of the charm of National Conference meetings lies in the opportunities for fellowship and social intercourse which they afford. Headquarters will be at the Chicago Beach Hotel, which, with its ample parlors and broad piazzas overlooking Lake Michigan, will enable all in attendance to enjoy rare opportunities for social reunions and the making of new acquaintance. The reception at the Art Institute, the sight-seeing trip and the Thursday luncheons will all help to round out the occasion on its social side. A special train will be run from Boston, a special car from New York. Information about hotels and rates is contained in the preliminary program already sent to the churches, further copies of which can be obtained from 175 Dearborn street, Chicago.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITARIAN AND OTHER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

Chicago, Ill., September 27-30.

All meetings except when otherwise specified will be held in the Fine Arts Building, Michigan Boulevard.

PROGRAM.

*Monday, September* 27th.

7:15 p. m.—Council Meeting, Chicago Beach Hotel.
8:15 p. m.—Conference Sermon by Rev. U. G. B. Peirce, Washington, D. C.

*Tuesday, September* 28th.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Service.
9:40 a m.—Address by the Vice-President, Hon. George E. Adams, Chicago, Ill.
10:00 a. m.—Election of Assistant Secretaries and Appointment of Committees.
10:15 a. m.—Report of the Council, by the Chairman, Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Boston, Mass.

10:40 a. m.—Address by the Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, Boston, Mass.

11:00 a. m.—Address by President of the National Alliance of Unitarian Women, Miss Emma C. Low, New York.

11:15 a. m.—Address by the President of the National Young People's Religious Union, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, Cambridge, Mass.

11:25 a. m.—Address by the President of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, New York, N. Y.

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11:35 a. m.—Address by President of the Unitarian Temperance Society, Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D. D., Roslindale, Mass.

11:55 a. m.—Greetings, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Sinai Congregation, Chicago, Ill.

12:10 a. m.—Greetings from International Council of Religious Liberals, Rev. Chas. W. Wendte, Secretary, Boston, Mass.

12:20 a. m.—Address by a representative of the National League of Unitarian Laymen.

Greetings and Introduction of New Business.

1:00 p. m.—Recess.

2:00 p. m.—Meeting of the National Young People's Religious Union. General Subject, The New Generation of Unitarians. Addresses by the President, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, and others.

3:15 p. m.—Meeting of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.

4:00 to 6:00 p. m.—Reception to the National Conference by the National Alliance in the Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan Boulevard.

8:00 p. m.—Unitarian Sunday School Society. General Subject, Religion and Education, Rev. Edward A. Horton, Boston, Mass., in charge.

"Doctrinal Teaching," Prof. Frank C. Doan, Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pa.

"Imagination in Religious Teaching," Prof. Wm. H. Carruth, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

"Efficiency and Sufficiency in Education," Rev. Henry F. Cope, Secretary Religious Education Association, Chicago, Ill.

"Moral Education and the Sunday School," Rev. Minot O. Simmons, Cleveland, Ohio.

*Wednesday, September* 29th.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Service.

Church Progress by Emphasizing the use of

9:40 a. m.—1. Worship. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, Ann Arbor, Mich.

10:00 a. m.—2. Preaching. Rev. Richard W. Boynton, Buffalo, N. Y.

10:20 a. m.—3. Pastoral Office. Rev. L. Walter Mason, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

10:40 a. m.—4. Activities in a Country Town. Rev. Joseph N. Pardee, Bolton, Mass.

11:00 a. m.—Discussion.

Introduction of New Business.

1:00 p. m.—Recess.

*Afternoon.*

After lunch sight-seeing automobiles will be in attendance to take delegates on a tour including the South Side parks and boulevards, Chicago University and Lincoln Park, terminating at Lincoln Center, where the company will be received by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones and his staff. The price of tickets for this ride will be $1.25.

8:00 p. m.—Devotional Service, Religion and Sociology.

8:10 p. m.—Rev. Edward Cummings, Boston, Mass.

8:35 p. m.—*Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, Kalamazoo, Mich.

9:00 p. m.—*Mr. Graham Taylor, Chicago, Ill.

9:25 p. m.—*Mr. Raymond Robbins, Chicago, Ill.

* These speakers are expected.

*Thursday, September* 30th.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Service.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF UNITARIANSM.

1. As to Its Motives.

9:40 a. m.—Rev. William C. Gannett, D. D., Rochester, N. Y.

10:00 a. m.—Rev. Charles E. St. John, Philadelphia, Pa.

2. As to Its Theology.

10:20 a. m.—Prof. Frank C. Doan, Meadville, Pa.

3. As to Its Organization and Administration.

10:40 a. m.—Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., President of the American Unitarian Association.

11:00 a. m.—Rev. Franklin C. Southworth, President Meadville Theological School.

11:20 a. m.—Discussion.

1:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

*Afternoon.*

1:30 p. m.—Alliance Luncheon. Ball-room of the Chicago Beach Hotel, followed by the Meeting of the National Alliance of Unitarian Women. All women in attendance on the Conference are invited.

Program at 2:30, Miss Emma Low of New York presiding:

Opening Hymn.

Prayer.

Welcome—Mrs. Emma N. Delano.

Response—Miss Low.

Reports of Vice-Presidents (10 minutes)—New England, Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton; Middle States and Canada, Mrs. J. P. Forbes; Southern States, Mrs. H. W. Churchill; Rocky Mountains, Mrs. John Boyd Davis; Pacific Coast, Mrs. Cornelia R. Griffith; Western States, Mrs. Emma N. Delano.

Discussion and Hymn.

A room has been secured at Chicago Beach Hotel as headquarters and Bureau of Information for Alliance Women.

1:30 p. m.—Laymen's Luncheon. The laymen attending the Conference will be the guests of a Committee of Chicago laymen at a downtown club. Following the luncheon will be a Laymen's Meeting for the discussion of Parish Administration and the Laymen's Interests. The program will be in charge of a committee, the chairman of which will be Hon. George Hutchinson, Newton, Mass.

The Church and Civic Service, Hon. Morton D. Hull, Chicago, Ill.

The Laymen's League, C. H. Burdett, New York, N. Y.

The Boys and the Future Church, speaker to be announced.

Religion and the Market Place, Chas. W. Ames, St. Paul, Minn.

1:30 p. m.—Ministers' Luncheon. The Ministers attending the Conference will be the guests of Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones at Lincoln Centre. Following the luncheon will be a "Ministers Only" meeting in charge of a committee, the chairman of which will be Rev. John W. Day, of St. Louis, Mo.

8:00 p. m.—Devotional Service.

8:10 p. m.—Platform Meeting.

Rev. Wm. D. Simonds, Oakland, Cal.

Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D. D., Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Robert Collyer, D. D., New York, N. Y., and others.

## THE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice was organized at Boston in May, 1908, with the object of providing "a fellowship for united action against all forms of social injustice, and to sustain one another in the application of our religious ideals to the needs of the present day. It was thus the first response within our denomination to the great social awakening which is the most conspicuous feature of our era and which is fast coming to dominate the religious consciousness of churches of every name and faith. The Fellowship is in sympathy with that spirit which is calling today for great and far reaching changes in the social order—changes which shall do away with industrial dependence, special privilege, vested interests, and shall establish social justice among men—and believes that the church should lead in the accomplishment of these changes. The Fellowship believes that the religion of

Jesus is all contained in the teaching of the Kingdom of God "on earth." It believes that the bringing in of this Kingdom here and now is the one great business of organized Christianity. It believes that this business can never be achieved by the process merely of striving to make righteous all living individuals, either by coercion or education, but only by the more radical process of changing the social conditions which make the individual what he is. It believes, therefore, that the church should concern itself not with men, but with society; that it should be the leader of all forces—political, industrial or philanthropic—making for social regeneration; that it should "not simply participate in social movements, but become their guide and director."

The Fellowship, with such limited means as it has at its disposal, is carrying on a vigorous propaganda through meetings, published tracts, articles, etc., with the purpose of arousing our body to what has well been called "the social application of religion. It is earnestly hoped that all in sympathy with its purposes will join its forces and thus help in its work. The membership fee is one dollar a year and should be sent to the secretary, Rev. William U. Peck, Winchendon, Mass.

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, President.

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## THE UNITARIAN OPPORTUNITY.

The opportunity of religion is simply the invitation of the time spirit; of each new age discovering that its world is not just the same as that of its fathers, and asking for help to adjust its faith to the present state of knowledge, and the keener sensibility to right and justice.

Such an invitation came to the Christian church in the fifteenth century, the era of Copernicus and of the Renaissance, when, in Michelet's words, a new earth and a new man were discovered.

If the church then had been able to accept the guidance of its most sagacious spirits, and adapt its creed to the revelation of God in living facts, the long schism which has been constantly widening between Protestant and Catholic, might have been escaped. There might have been a church which trusted in the truth, and was not afaid of the last word of the Almighty.

But the blind led the blind. "Non possumus," said the Pope and Councils, "we cannot change, we cannot open the door of faith. Religion never improves; it was once and for all given in perfection."

It is seldom in the power of even the best disposed men to open their eyes to the actual world in which they live. They dwell in the past, in their youth. Even parents are apt to assume that their children must be exact copies of themselves, adopting the paternal trade, accepting meekly the mother's sphere of duty and happiness. Many a heart burning, and worse, comes from that delusion.

So the tragedy of religion has always been that it would not fit its creed to the facts which had been recently established by the intellectual leaders.

This century is one of the most revolutionary in the history of mind. The point of view of the Christian religion has been moved far from its old position. There is a new physical universe. The idea of evolution, practically accepted in all centers of learning, has reconstructed the heavens, the earth, and all that in them is.

There is a new God, suited to this vaster cosmos, indwelling, rather than a manlike king with his throne upon a neighboring mountain; the soul of all material things, the present inspiration of all human activity.

Soul and body, and what happens to them at death, are under a different light from that in which they used to be seen; there is a new immortality.

The Bible, as everybody knows, has been readjusted to the literature of the race, in its long history, and must find its place among the world collections of sacred faiths and hopes embodied in poetry, art, and philosophy. There is a new Bible.

Who shall interpret these revelations of the modern intelligence so that the old forms of worship, the old sensibility to the underlying mystery and wonder of existence, shall be retained, while clothed in language which offends no mind clinging to veracity and sincerity?

The old church, Roman, Greek, Protestant, for the most part refuses to recognize the revolutionary conditions. It is still trying to save souls from the mythological hell, by the method of legend and fable.

The Unitarian body, numerically a feeble group of believers in the main things of the Christian faith, has the good fortune, due chiefly to the democratic atmosphere in which most of its congregations are born, to be anchored to no ancient confession of doctrines, which must be believed, let the tides and currents of knowledge run how they may.

Because we are a reading denomination—our disciples for the most part bred in an atmosphere of culture, and accustomed to receive freely the freshest word of science and history—the most of our congregations have preserved their self-possession whenever some startling discovery has threatened to demolish all ancient canons of truth, and have quietly accepted what was left after the earthquake.

Darwin did not frighten them; Baur, Renan, and their successors in the reconstruction of the Bible, did not set them into a panic. They listen calmly to the assertions of the physiologists and the psychol-

ogists concerning the nature of mind and the possibility of survival after death.

In no religious body has there been such free, courageous facing of the last fact or opinion in pulpit, conference, and periodical.

And, thus accustomed to widen its conception of what is divine and necessary for human welfare, its attitude fits it to lead the age and country through the inevitable doubts which assail men moving in strange fields of new knowledge, into the faith which is to be, whose precise forms may not yet be evident, but which will still be faith, hope, and trust in eternal realities.

Will coming Christendom be Unitarian? Yes and No! If it keeps its head and does not fall, panic-stricken for lack of any rational idea of religion, into the arms of superstition—a real danger when people are long absorbed in pleasure-seeking and money-making, and have no care to think of more enduring matters—it will acknowledge all the new forms of truth, and will build its ideas of God, duty, and heaven upon these. But because our congregations are so few and made up too largely of men and women tepid in loyalty to our ideals, the utmost we can dare to hope is that we shall here and there constitute a remnant of those who hold fast to religion in reason, who shall be a leaven and a type of the faith which may comfort, console, and yet satisfy the intellect.

Our opportunity is to keep the open mind wherein faith and knowledge may find congenial companionship, and assure men and women who have lost their old denominational moorings that at least one company of worshippers finds ample space for worship in the presence of the God of things as they are. If we were, as I fear we never shall be, a solid organization working aggressively to convert the world, we have the principles which might shape the coming worship.

As it is, we can do much, as a union of independent churches, to form a point of rallying of such as find that we exist, and for what noble traditions and finer hopes we stand.

GEORGE A. THAYER.

Cincinnati, July, 1909.

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## NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Nearly all the churches within the conference limits were closed during July and August. In Chicago Mr. Pulsford continued at the Memorial Chapel throughout the summer, Mr. Dellgren conducted services throughout July and Miss von Petzold preached at Lincoln Centre during the greater part of both months.

In June the secretary preached at the Third Church, Chicago, at Davenport, Iowa, at Serena Hill, Ill., and at Hobart, Ind. He met in conference the officers of the Moline Church, which hopes to settle a pastor in the fall, and with friends of the movement at Burlington, Iowa, where there is little prospect of resuming services. He was also privileged to attend a Young People's service at Iowa City, followed by a reception extended to the outgoing students by the pastor, Mr. Loring, and to attend the Geneva meeting of the Chicago Associate Alliance. During July and August his time was largely given to office work, but he preached at Madison, Wis.; Harrietta, Mich.; and Edison Park, Ill.; also visiting Manistee, Mich., in the interest of the conference. The real event of the summer season was the meeting of the Northern Michigan Conference, held in connection with the third anniversary of the People's Church in that place. Mr. C. S. Udell, of Grand Rapids, president of the Michigan conference, was in charge of the program. Those who took part in the meetings were Mr. Udell, Rev. W. M. Backus, Rev. H. Van Ommeren, Rev. B. A. Hills, Rabbi Kahn, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Hiram Marks, of Detroit, representing the National Alliance, and Rev. E. C. Smith. The attendance and interest shown in this little Michigan town would shame some of our state conference gatherings.

The secretary has taken seriously the resolution of the conference with regard to the NEWS LETTER and has informed himself with regard to the condition of other Unitarian publications and the cost of publishing in Chicago a thirty-two page magazine similar in appearance to "The Unitarian." He finds that the "Pacific Unitarian" and "Old and New" are made possible only by large subsidies, while "The Unitarian" of New York, by virtue of a large subscription list and a low rate for printing, is self-supporting. The low rate for printing we can match, but whether we can match the large subscription list at $1.00 a year is questionable. If we should omit the numbers for July and August and could keep our present list of twelve hundred subscribers we could make a price of seventy-five cents for the year and meet all bills. There is definite promise of sufficient editorial assistance in case the change is made and strong probability that the Iowa State paper, "Old and New," would merge itself with the new publication which would, perhaps, bear the name "The Western Unitarian." The only uncertain element is the subscription list. Each church in the conference should let the editor know as soon as possible how many subscribers to the larger publication at seventy-five cents it will promise, the new form and the new price to go into effect January, 1910.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Associate Alliance of Unitarian and other liberal Christian women was held at Geneva Unitarian Church, June

23d, at 11 a. m., Mrs. Grant Beebe, the president in the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. A letter was read from Miss Low asking names of the committee to plan details of Alliance meetings at the National Conference in September. Mrs. E. C. Dudley was appointed chairman, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Allore being the other members.

Miss Fry, chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, gave a report of her work. Many letters and books were sent out and the great pleasure and thankfulness with which these were received can hardly be appreciated by us who see the postman daily, have friends to visit with and books to read. She hoped the branches would take up the work, only two at present carrying it on, the Third Church and Unity.

Miss Lewis, chairman of the Post Office Mission committee in her report told of new methods adopted, that of advertising in a daily paper, and the many requests for Unitarian literature as a result. She hoped the four churches represented in this committee would continue to give their support the coming year.

Mrs. Vallins, secretary of the Church of the Messiah Branch, reported a prosperous year in spite of a smaller membership resulting from the closing of the old church. Sewing was done for several charitable institutions and church suppers given. Instead of the annual bazaar, individual contributions were given and although it was successful financially a lack of some object to work for was felt and it was decided to give one the following winter.

Mrs. Cook, secretary of the Branch Alliance of Unity Church, gave the report of their year's work. A bazaar with annual dinner and a cafeteria supper were given for raising money. Sewing was done by the members for many charitable institutions, money was supplied for decorating their rooms and cleaning the church. Meetings were held every week for sewing and luncheon served on that day. Their receipts during the year from various sources have amounted to nearly $650.

The secretary of the Evanston Church Branch reports in spite of sickness among the small circle of members, a bazaar and cafeteria supper given for the benefit of the church, a Christmas party for the children and sociables given at different homes. The women of the Alliance were invited to join with the other denominations in their Union Missionary meeting at the Second Presbyterian Church where yearly reports of their work were given. Eleven members have become delegates to the Y. W. C. A. in Chicago.

Mrs. Emma Beebe, secretary of the Geneva Branch which has a membership of fourteen, reported a bazaar, the work of which was helped materially by the young women of the church, and several literary meetings at which sermons and the late books were read. Money was given from the Alliance treasury to the trustees for current expenses of the church.

Mrs. Dellgren, secretary of the Swedish Branch which has twenty-two members, reports the chief aim of the branch being to help the church. A sale and two basket parties were given for raising money and at their literary meetings questions of the day have been discussed. Many sermons have been distributed in both the English and Scandinavian languages.

Miss Finch, secretary of the Third Church Branch, reported forty-seven members and meetings every Wednesday, alternating work with literary programs. Sewing was done for the bazaar and Easter sale, also for charitable institutions. The literary afternoons were devoted to our hymns and hymn writers. A penny-a-day fund has been started by one of the members to raise money. The receipts for the year from various sources have been about $525.

The Hinsdale Branch reports a membership of thirty and seventeen meetings held during the year for sewing. A bazaar and supper have been given and charitable institutions have been helped with both work and money. The amount subscribed to the church by the Alliance was $300.

The report of the nominating committee was read and accepted. It was voted the secretary cast the ballot and the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President—Mrs. Ernest Chas. Smith.

Vice presidents—Mrs. E. C. Dudley, Mrs. Geo. E. Adams, Mrs. Walter Ferrier, Mrs. C. H. Pittman, Mrs. Mary S. Beebe, Mrs. J. F. Wheeler, Mrs. I. Flodin.

Secretary and treasurer—Miss Ethel W. Mason.

Chairman of Religious News Committee—Mrs. C. C. Warren.

Chairman of Philanthropic News Committee—Mrs. H. W. Brough.

Chairman of Post Office Mission Committee—Miss Marian M. Lewis.

Chairman of Cheerful Letter Committee—Miss Mary A. Fry.

The new secretary of the Western Conference, Mr. Ernest C. Smith, was called upon to speak and he told of his visit to Boston during anniversary week. The meeting was adjourned by the new president, Mrs. Smith.

ETHEL W. MASON, Secretary.

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Sample copies of the new graded series of Sunday School manuals in the following titles have been received at this office: First Book of Religion, Grade I, age 6; World Stories, Grade IV, age 9; Movements and Men of Christian History, Grade X, age 15; Comparative Studies in Religion, Grade XI, age 16. Supplies in quantity are daily expected.

# DIRECTORY

**A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.**

*Alton, Ill.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Howard Mac Queary.

*Ann Arbor, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

*Bloomington, Ill.*—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

*Brooklyn, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

*Buda, Ill.*—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Burlington, Iowa.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, Hotel Del Prado.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 4232 North Hermitage Ave.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

*Chicago, Ill.*—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev August Dellgren, 1529 E. Wellington Ave.

*Chicago, Ill.*—Central Unitarian Society, Music Hall, Fine Arts Building. Lecture at 11 A. M. Dr. Nathaniel I. Rubinkam, 4355 Oakenwald Ave.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.*—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

*Cleveland, Ohio.*—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

*Colorado Springs, Colo.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.

*Davenport, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, 2104 Grand Ave.

*Denver, Colo.*—First Unitarian Society, Broadway and 19th Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, D. D., 329 Broadway.

*Des Moines, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Gertrude von Petzold.

*Detroit, Mich.*—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

*Duluth, Minn.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, 1209 E. Third St.

*Evanston, Ill.*—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

*Fort Collins, Colo.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

*Geneseo, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

*Geneva, Ill.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 4 P. M.

*Gimli, Manitoba.*—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

*Grand Haven, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.*—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

*Greeley, Colo.*—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45. Rev. Milton R. Kerr.

*Hanska, Minn.*—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

*Harrietta, Mich.*—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills, Traverse City.

*Hinsdale, Ill.*—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

*Hobart, Ind.*—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

*Humboldt, Iowa.*—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

*Indianapolis, Ind.*—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

*Iowa City, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

*Jackson, Mich.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

*Kalamazoo, Mich.*—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

*Kansas City, Mo.*—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Vernon M. Cady, 3327 Baltimore Ave.

*Kenosha, Wis.*—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

*Keokuk, Iowa.*—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 519 Fourth St., W.

*Lawrence, Kan.*—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

*Lincoln, Neb.*—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly, 1928 Prospect Ave.

*Luverne, Minn.*—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

*Madison, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

*Milwaukee, Wis.*—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

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